

ACCESSIBLE VOTING FOR EVERYONE

King County Elections • Outreach Team • 500 Fourth Ave Rm. 553 • Seattle, WA 98104
206-296-9699 • www.metrokc.gov/elections/access • Issue 21

Seattle Public Library LEAP

Seattle, WA • September 6, 2006



King County
Elections

The King County Elections Outreach Team spent lunch hour at the Seattle Central Public Library in downtown Seattle. The accessible voting unit (AVU) demonstration proved successful, as audience members listened to the presentation, read Braille instructions and cast both audio and touch screen ballots.

Over the course of an hour, the Outreach Team discussed the types of ballots offered by the AVU and the preferred voting method for each audience member. A voter from Somalia listened to the audio ballot and felt he will be able to use it, due to the clear and methodical English audio recording. Other voters with lower or partial vision enjoyed the large text, while three other voters who are blind completed the audio ballot.



Library Equal Access Program (LEAP)

The Outreach Team's visit to the library was coordinated by the LEAP program. LEAP helps to make the Seattle Public Library an accessible resource for visitors with disabilities and/or special needs.

Services provided by the LEAP program include assistance in finding and removing material from library shelves, sign-language interpreted or sight-guided library tours, and computer training for adaptive computers and reading systems, Braille equipment and other resources. Books, magazines, local government information, and cookbooks are also available by assistive technology or in large print options.

Seattle Public Library

Demonstration in the Microsoft Auditorium

1000 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

<http://www.spl.org/>



The Seattle Public Library